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AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of this art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R.  $\S\S1.97(g)$  and (h), no representation is made that a search has been performed or that this art is material to patentability of the present application.

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